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SUBJECT: SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 063014, (B) STATE 056871, (C) NAIROBI 2052,
(D) LUSAKA 0185

1. RSO INTERPOSES NO OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED PROJECT
OUTLINED REFTEL (D) PARA 2A. RSO FEELS THAT WHILE
SITUATION LUSAKA NOW STABLE, THAT SITUATION COULD
DETERIORATE, VIS A VIS, DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.
PROPOSED INSTALLATION WOULD GIVE ADDED PROTECTION TO AMERICAN
EMPLOYEES, ALBEIT, LIMITED.

2. PROBLEM ARISES WITH REGARD TO EXTENT OF PROTECTION
DESIRED. REFTELS (B) AND (C) HAVE ADDRESSED THEMSELVES
TO DEGREE OF PROTECTION, WHICH CAN BE EXPECTED AND NATURE
OF THREAT, I.E., USE OF HAND GUNS VERSUS SHOULDER WEAPONS. POST
HAS ALREADY STATED, REFTEL (D) ITS DESIRE TO PROTECT
AGAINST HARD WEAPONS.

3. AS STATED ABOVE PARA 1, RSO HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO
PROPOSED INSTALLATION, BUT DOES NOT FEEL THAT PRO-
TECTION OFFERED BY 1/2" LEXAN IS COMMENSURATE WITH
NATURE OF THREAT.

4. IF POST STILL INTENT ON INSTALLATION, PERHAPS
SUGGESTION CONTAINED REFTEL (B) PARA 1, CONCERNING
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USE OF 1/4" SAFETY GLASS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

5. REQ POST COMMENTS ON CONTENTS PARAS 3 AND 4.

6. NEW SUBJECT: TWO PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FOR SAFEHAVEN FOR AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. FIRST, UTILIZED BATHROOM AREA AND WAS DESCRIBED IN A-112 DTD 11/26/74. IT STATED:

C. REPLACE THE AMBASSADOR'S BATHROOM GLASS WITH AN EXHAUST FAN AND CONCRETE BLOCK. FLOURESCENT LIGHTING MAY ALSO BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY ILLUMINATION.

D. REPLACE THE EXISTING BATHROOM DOOR WITH A SOLID WOODEN DOOR RE-INFORCED WITH 3/16" BALLISTIC ALUMINUM AND EQUIPPED WITH A YALE 197 LOCK (PROVIDED BY RSO) AND TWO INTERIOR FOLDING HORIZONTAL DROP BARS. BALLISTIC ALUMINUM SHOULD BE ACQUIRED BY POST USING PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN CA2833 DATED 5/21/70.

E. INSTALL A WOODEN DOOR EQUIPPED WITH A YALE 197 LOCK (PROVIDED BY RSO) AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE ANTE ROOM OF THE AMBASSADOR'S BEDROOM. THIS DOOR WILL DELAY INTRUDERS AND ALLOW THE AMBASSADOR SUFFICIENT TIME TO SEEK REFUGE IN THE BATHROOM SAFE AREA.

F. INSTALL A TELEPHONE EXTENSION AND PORTABLE RADIO UNIT IN THE AMBASSADOR'S BATHROOM.

G. STORE A GAS MASK IN THE BATHROOM SAFE AREA FOR USE DURING EMERGENCIES TO PROVIDE PROTECTION AGAINST TEAR GAS IF EMPLOYED BY TERRORISTS OR RESPONDING PERSONNEL.

MORE RECENT PROPOSAL INCORPORATED USE OF AMBASSADOR'S DRESSING ROOM AND WAS SUBJ OF RSO MEMO TO PSO. CONTENTS HEREWITH DESCRIBED:

A. A SOLID WOODEN DOOR BE INSTALLED IN PLACE OF THE ALREADY EXISTING HOLLOW CORE DOOR LEADING FROM THE MASTER BEDROOM INTO THE DRESSING ROOM. DOOR WOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH TWO SM-181 DEADBOLTS AND ONE HORIZONTAL DROP BAR. DOOR WOULD BE REINFORCED WITH ONE SOLID PIECE OF 3/16" BALLISTIC ALUMINUM AND WOULD BE HINGED ON THE INSIDE.

B. EXISTING WINDOW WOULD BE REPLACED WITH AN
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EXHAUST FAN AND CONCRETE BLOCK.

C. A FIVE GALLON DRUM OF WATER SHOULD BE PLACED INSIDE ROOM TO BE USED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

D. SMALL AIR HOLE SHOULD BE LOCATED IN WALL, PROTECTED WITH BUILT-IN GRILL WORK.

E. PREPOSITION GAS MASK IN DRESSING ROOM TO BE USED IN THE CASE THAT TERRORISTS EMPLOY TEAR GAS, ALSO PLACE FLASHLIGHT IN ROOM.

7. PROPOSAL HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH PSO DURING
RECENT RSO VISIT. PSO SHOULD DISCUSS PLANS AND
ATLERNATIVES WITH AMBASSADOR.
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